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EDITORIAL.

As I write this final editorial of 1997, I wonder what 1998 has in store for us. 1997 saw a year of controversy, with Roswell raising its head and the controversy rolling on with claims and counter claims. What **did** crash at Roswell, balloons, test dummies or was it all just peoples over imaginative imaginations ? Also, we saw new video footage from Mexico of an alleged object passing behind a building. Classical saucer shape, BUT, as it was filmed from the offices of a company involved in computers / video's, I rest my case.

The Roswell autopsy footage made very little headline space (thank goodness) and Ray Santilli seems to of gone to ground (maybe he has been abducted !!). There was plenty of television and radio media coverage (See Tv and radio listings in newsletter), and yours truly made an appearance on the Y-Files program shown on the cable network (See Tv and radio reviews). 1997 also saw the death of astronomer and UFO skeptic Carl Sagan who died of cancer.

One final thing to end 1997 was the following article that appeared in the Southampton Evening Echo dated 19th December :

'Mass Suicide' fear.

'About 100 members of a Tai-

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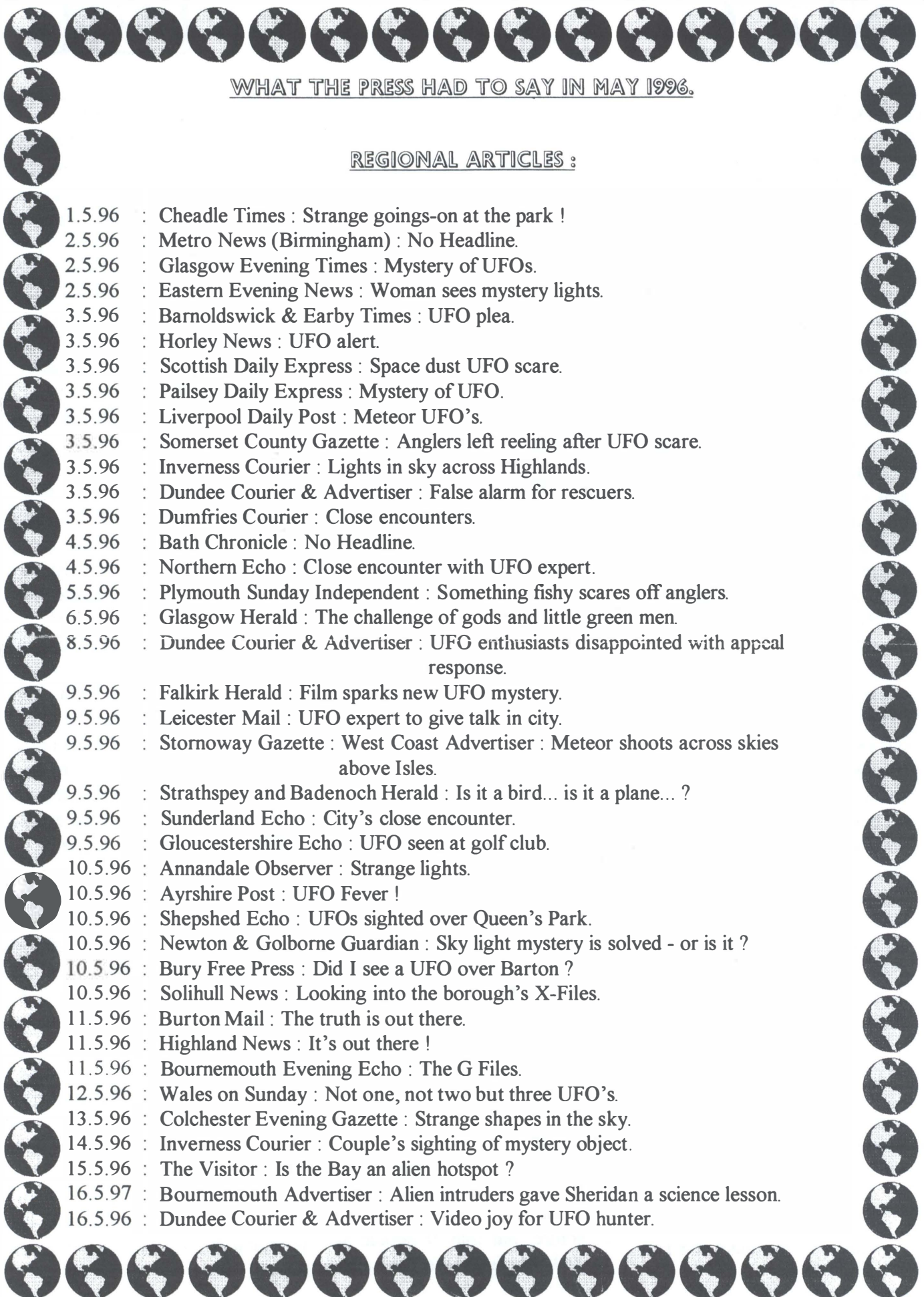
wanese cult have left for a meeting in Dallas, Texas, where officials fear they plan to commit mass suicide. The Cult encourages entire families to kill themselves so that their bodies can be picked up by flying saucers, officials said in Taiwan'.

Where have I read this before... Heaven's Gate cult group mass suicide on the 23rd March 1997. What is wrong with these people and the people that run these Cult groups....

1997 has not been too great a year for the Southampton UFO Group and I hope that 1998 brings better rewards. The group has averaged around 30 - 40 members and magazine exchanges and we exchange with 30 other groups around the world. Group meetings have been poorly attended with numbers varying anything from 5 - 15 people. I invited speakers for our quarterly lectures, which have been somewhat disappointing. At our first meeting, Roy Lake of the London UFO Studies Group spoke, and around 30 - 35 people attended. Then Paul Vigay gave a lecture, but only 9 people attended. So far, these have been

rather disappointing with regards to attendance's, so I hope that our first speaker of 1998 Matthew Williams, will have a larger audience to speak to. Also, the group lost around £80 in October, when we went Oxford for Contact International UFO Researcher's conference. So, 1997 has not been a very good year regarding finances, as our balance for 1997 is £29.00 with £27.00 to be withdrawn to pay for hire of our meeting hall in the first half of 1998. With regards to UFO reports to the group, we have had only 10 sightings reported directly to the group and we have had indirectly reported cases through the media and third parties. I have been involved in a UFO course at one of our local colleges and I am committed to it (If enough numbers register in 1998 for the course to run) for the next 5 years as moderator of the course. Finally, the group managed to do 3 skywatches in the summer months of 1997, and at one of these events, a member managed to video a golden object in the early evening sky.

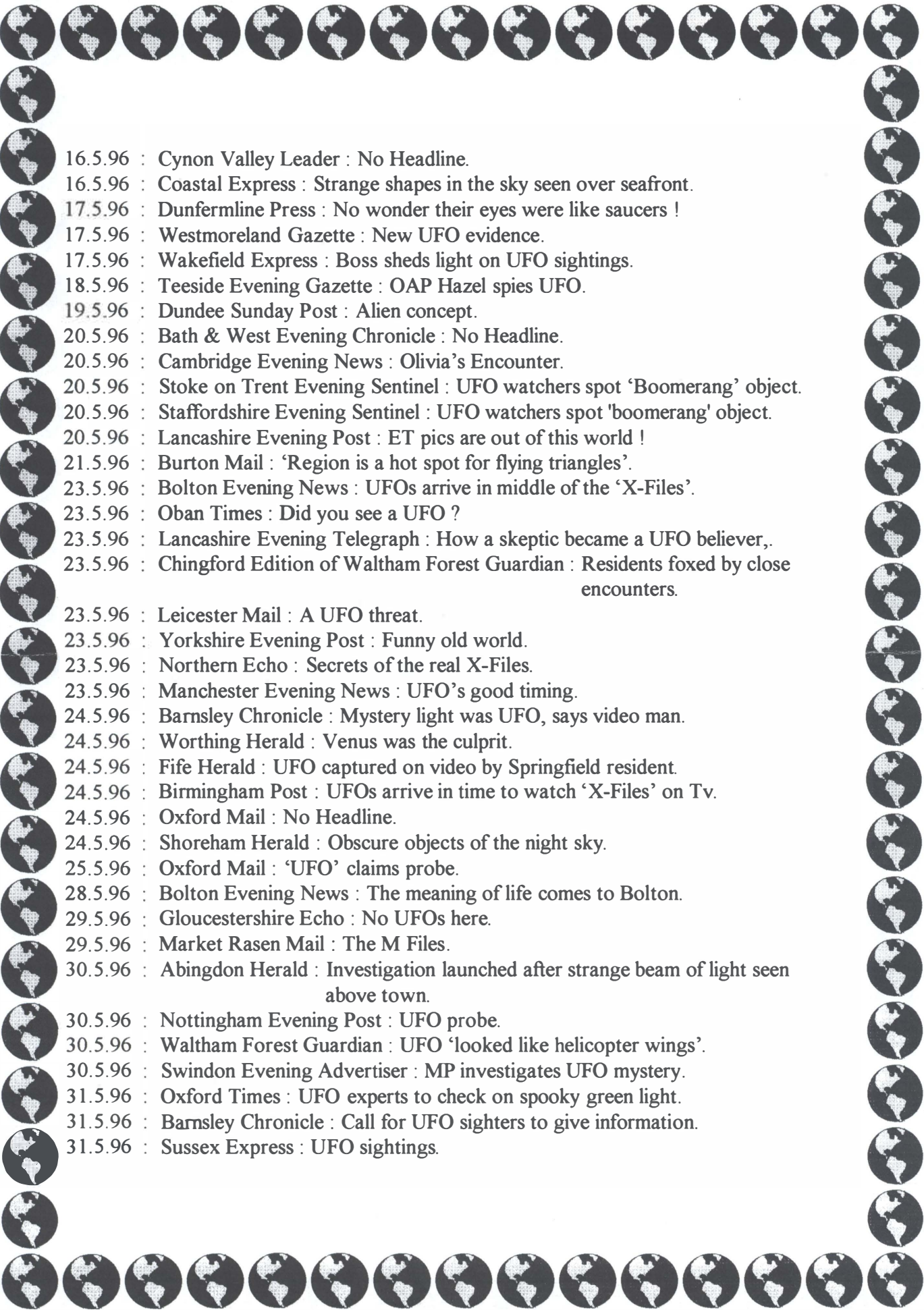
Finally, I would like to thank the following people : group members Bill Smith for his help at meetings and support and Ernie Sears for his support and help with the newsletter. Also, Roy Lake of The London UFO Studies Group for his support and material, Larry Dean of Skysearch, again for his support and help and finally the following - Tom Trubridge, Paul Vigay, Matthew Williams, Steve Rider, Dave Probert, Dorothy Imbert and last but not least, my long suffering wife Anne.

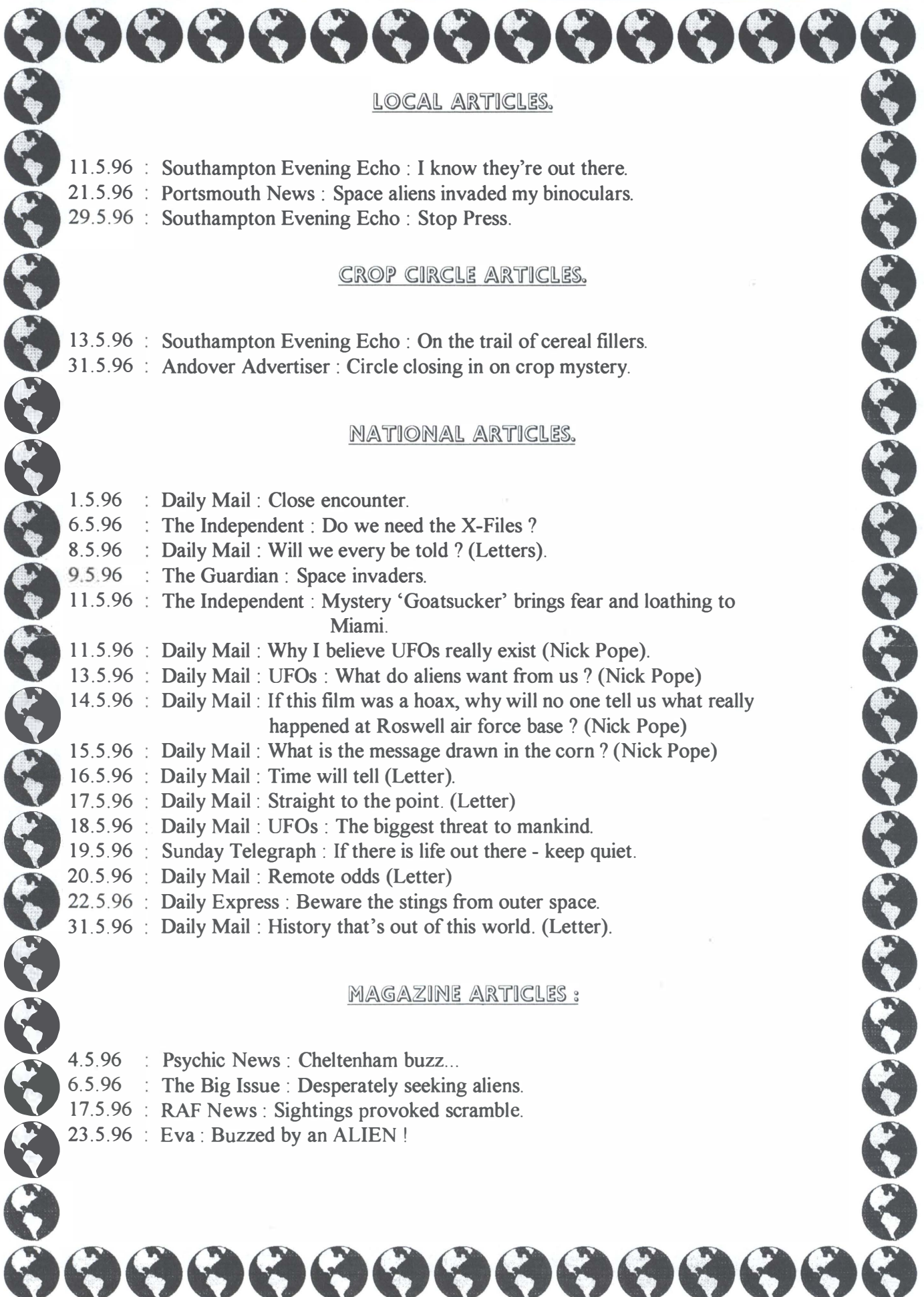


WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN MAY 1996.

REGIONAL ARTICLES :

- 1.5.96 : Cheadle Times : Strange goings-on at the park !
- 2.5.96 : Metro News (Birmingham) : No Headline.
- 2.5.96 : Glasgow Evening Times : Mystery of UFOs.
- 2.5.96 : Eastern Evening News : Woman sees mystery lights.
- 3.5.96 : Barnoldswick & Earby Times : UFO plea.
- 3.5.96 : Horley News : UFO alert.
- 3.5.96 : Scottish Daily Express : Space dust UFO scare.
- 3.5.96 : Pailsey Daily Express : Mystery of UFO.
- 3.5.96 : Liverpool Daily Post : Meteor UFO's.
- 3.5.96 : Somerset County Gazette : Anglers left reeling after UFO scare.
- 3.5.96 : Inverness Courier : Lights in sky across Highlands.
- 3.5.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : False alarm for rescuers.
- 3.5.96 : Dumfries Courier : Close encounters.
- 4.5.96 : Bath Chronicle : No Headline.
- 4.5.96 : Northern Echo : Close encounter with UFO expert.
- 5.5.96 : Plymouth Sunday Independent : Something fishy scares off anglers.
- 6.5.96 : Glasgow Herald : The challenge of gods and little green men.
- 8.5.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : UFO enthusiasts disappointed with appeal response.
- 9.5.96 : Falkirk Herald : Film sparks new UFO mystery.
- 9.5.96 : Leicester Mail : UFO expert to give talk in city.
- 9.5.96 : Stornoway Gazette : West Coast Advertiser : Meteor shoots across skies above Isles.
- 9.5.96 : Strathspey and Badenoch Herald : Is it a bird... is it a plane... ?
- 9.5.96 : Sunderland Echo : City's close encounter.
- 9.5.96 : Gloucestershire Echo : UFO seen at golf club.
- 10.5.96 : Annandale Observer : Strange lights.
- 10.5.96 : Ayrshire Post : UFO Fever !
- 10.5.96 : Shephed Echo : UFOs sighted over Queen's Park.
- 10.5.96 : Newton & Golborne Guardian : Sky light mystery is solved - or is it ?
- 10.5.96 : Bury Free Press : Did I see a UFO over Barton ?
- 10.5.96 : Solihull News : Looking into the borough's X-Files.
- 11.5.96 : Burton Mail : The truth is out there.
- 11.5.96 : Highland News : It's out there !
- 11.5.96 : Bournemouth Evening Echo : The G Files.
- 12.5.96 : Wales on Sunday : Not one, not two but three UFO's.
- 13.5.96 : Colchester Evening Gazette : Strange shapes in the sky.
- 14.5.96 : Inverness Courier : Couple's sighting of mystery object.
- 15.5.96 : The Visitor : Is the Bay an alien hotspot ?
- 16.5.97 : Bournemouth Advertiser : Alien intruders gave Sheridan a science lesson.
- 16.5.96 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Video joy for UFO hunter.

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- 16.5.96 : Cynon Valley Leader : No Headline.
16.5.96 : Coastal Express : Strange shapes in the sky seen over seafront.
17.5.96 : Dunfermline Press : No wonder their eyes were like saucers !
17.5.96 : Westmoreland Gazette : New UFO evidence.
17.5.96 : Wakefield Express : Boss sheds light on UFO sightings.
18.5.96 : Teeside Evening Gazette : OAP Hazel spies UFO.
19.5.96 : Dundee Sunday Post : Alien concept.
20.5.96 : Bath & West Evening Chronicle : No Headline.
20.5.96 : Cambridge Evening News : Olivia's Encounter.
20.5.96 : Stoke on Trent Evening Sentinel : UFO watchers spot 'Boomerang' object.
20.5.96 : Staffordshire Evening Sentinel : UFO watchers spot 'boomerang' object.
20.5.96 : Lancashire Evening Post : ET pics are out of this world !
21.5.96 : Burton Mail : 'Region is a hot spot for flying triangles'.
23.5.96 : Bolton Evening News : UFOs arrive in middle of the 'X-Files'.
23.5.96 : Oban Times : Did you see a UFO ?
23.5.96 : Lancashire Evening Telegraph : How a skeptic became a UFO believer.
23.5.96 : Chingford Edition of Waltham Forest Guardian : Residents foxed by close encounters.
23.5.96 : Leicester Mail : A UFO threat.
23.5.96 : Yorkshire Evening Post : Funny old world.
23.5.96 : Northern Echo : Secrets of the real X-Files.
23.5.96 : Manchester Evening News : UFO's good timing.
24.5.96 : Barnsley Chronicle : Mystery light was UFO, says video man.
24.5.96 : Worthing Herald : Venus was the culprit.
24.5.96 : Fife Herald : UFO captured on video by Springfield resident.
24.5.96 : Birmingham Post : UFOs arrive in time to watch 'X-Files' on Tv.
24.5.96 : Oxford Mail : No Headline.
24.5.96 : Shoreham Herald : Obscure objects of the night sky.
25.5.96 : Oxford Mail : 'UFO' claims probe.
28.5.96 : Bolton Evening News : The meaning of life comes to Bolton.
29.5.96 : Gloucestershire Echo : No UFOs here.
29.5.96 : Market Rasen Mail : The M Files.
30.5.96 : Abingdon Herald : Investigation launched after strange beam of light seen above town.
30.5.96 : Nottingham Evening Post : UFO probe.
30.5.96 : Waltham Forest Guardian : UFO 'looked like helicopter wings'.
30.5.96 : Swindon Evening Advertiser : MP investigates UFO mystery.
31.5.96 : Oxford Times : UFO experts to check on spooky green light.
31.5.96 : Barnsley Chronicle : Call for UFO sighters to give information.
31.5.96 : Sussex Express : UFO sightings.



LOCAL ARTICLES.

- 11.5.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : I know they're out there.
21.5.96 : Portsmouth News : Space aliens invaded my binoculars.
29.5.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Stop Press.

CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES.

- 13.5.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : On the trail of cereal fillers.
31.5.96 : Andover Advertiser : Circle closing in on crop mystery.

NATIONAL ARTICLES.

- 1.5.96 : Daily Mail : Close encounter.
6.5.96 : The Independent : Do we need the X-Files ?
8.5.96 : Daily Mail : Will we every be told ? (Letters).
9.5.96 : The Guardian : Space invaders.
11.5.96 : The Independent : Mystery 'Goatsucker' brings fear and loathing to Miami.
11.5.96 : Daily Mail : Why I believe UFOs really exist (Nick Pope).
13.5.96 : Daily Mail : UFOs : What do aliens want from us ? (Nick Pope)
14.5.96 : Daily Mail : If this film was a hoax, why will no one tell us what really happened at Roswell air force base ? (Nick Pope)
15.5.96 : Daily Mail : What is the message drawn in the corn ? (Nick Pope)
16.5.96 : Daily Mail : Time will tell (Letter).
17.5.96 : Daily Mail : Straight to the point. (Letter)
18.5.96 : Daily Mail : UFOs : The biggest threat to mankind.
19.5.96 : Sunday Telegraph : If there is life out there - keep quiet.
20.5.96 : Daily Mail : Remote odds (Letter)
22.5.96 : Daily Express : Beware the stings from outer space.
31.5.96 : Daily Mail : History that's out of this world. (Letter).

MAGAZINE ARTICLES :

- 4.5.96 : Psychic News : Cheltenham buzz...
6.5.96 : The Big Issue : Desperately seeking aliens.
17.5.96 : RAF News : Sightings provoked scramble.
23.5.96 : Eva : Buzzed by an ALIEN !

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**Television And Radio
Reviews By Steve
Gerrard From the
15th December 1997
to 15th February
1998**

STOP PRESS

As this newsletter goes to print, I have been asked to appear on radio BBC Southern Counties Radio on the **31st January 1998**. At 7pm with Nigel Campbell. I have to choose my best 5 sightings / places to go skywatching. So if you, the reader are able to record it, please could I have a copy. It is supposed to run for some 30 minutes.

30th December : Geraldo : 13th January 1998 ; The UFO - Yes or No.

After only recording a third of this program some months ago, cable was true to form, and repeated the program. This was a very interesting program, with a lively studio audience, along with very interesting guests. The program covered UFO's and abductions, and I hope to show it at a future group meeting.

1st January 1998 : Sightings : UFO Confrontation, Mansfield, Ohio.. This told the incredible story of a helicopter that encounter a UFO in Oct. 1973.. The sighting was also witnessed by ground observers. The helicopter was 'pulled upwards' as if caught in a tractor beam. This is a very old sighting, that is brought up to date.

2nd January 1998 : Sightings : Montreal Mass sighting. This told the story of a mass sighting in Canada, which is the biggest on record with regards to the number of people that saw the UFO.

Extraordinary : This item interviewed people who claim alien abduction / encounters in Australia. The witnesses were left with marks on their bodies (scoop marks) and one witness had to give up her modeling career, due to 3 scoop marks on her forehead.

Janaury 1998 : Ch 5 Tv screened an interesting item about cattle mutilations. This program was not for the faint hearted and looked at this sometimes grisly phenomena. I still do not know what is causing this strange phenomena, but it certainly puts me off my T bone steak..... !!!

22nd January : Louis Theroux Weird Weekends.. This program was filmed in America, where it is the favorite stomping area for ET's according to Louis, who went to meet people who have met ET's.

His first 'encounter' was with Thor Templar - The Earth Protectorate and the Alien Resistance Movement. They protect people from ET's and sell merchandise to people to this effect. (Mind you, they wore combat uniforms and red berries

and the walls had shotguns and axes adorning them....). They sell such things as alien mutilators and alien detectors. They say ET's are harmful, they abduct people, rape them and murder them. Thor has '20' kills to his name, indicated by 2 badges on his arm (1 per 10 dead ET's).

They took Louis to Giant Rock, which is a Portal point enabling ET's to land. According to Thor, 'It was a good place to see an alien and a good chance of being attacked by one !'. They set up a UFO detector and Louis was wearing his cyborg helmet that was his 3rd eye, that focused his energies through the Alien Mutilator (A type of gun). But after a long wait, nothing happened... (What a surprise... ED).

Then it was on to Crestone and further alien portals. Here Louis met up with Cattle Mutilation expert Chris O'Brien, who told the story of 'Snippy', the first animal mutilation. Also, he described how cattle are found mutilated and which parts of their

bodies is missing... At O'Brien's home, Louis was shown 'A Field Guide to Aliens', consisting of drawing of Nordics, Greys, Reptoides, Lepicorn type and Big Foot forms. And then O'Brien talk of his alien encounter in 1963, with a 'Little stick man'.

Louis then moved on to encounter CSETI, who went on a film trip to make contact with beings. They liked to call themselves 'Ambassadors to the Universe'. They sat / stood in the middle of the desert, flashing bright lights into the desert night sky and playing noises recorded in an English crop circle formation, and even music from, you've guessed it 'Close Encounters of the 4th kind' .. How corny... Oooops....

We then switched our attentions to Central Nevada, and of course Area 51. Louis went on a 'tour bus' along the ET highway, and across the front of the bus was a banner - UFO's - Ghosts - Area 51... and we heard the song 'On a road to no where' as background music. They stopped at the No entry signs, and waved to the security guards parked up on the ridge. They decided to climb the ridge, only to see a large dust storm heading their way, concealing the security guards vehicle..... Of course, a visit to area 51 would not be complete, without a visit to the Little Aleinn and a visit to Glen Campbell's 'Area 51 Research Center'. But there appears to be bad blood between Campbell and the Little Aleinn. According to the owner of the Inn 'There is a great business in the community with 78 people living in Rachel, and there was no division in Rachel until HE got here'.

Campbell use to lodge at the Inn, but one night it appears that the drunken proprietor threw him out - he hated Campbell - he was going to take over his business... (I guess with the only souvenir shop in the area, any competition would be a nail in the coffin.... !!). Mind you, Rachel had its painted petrol pumps, UFO parking signs, locals building a Flying Saucer... Campbell would not go to the Inn, it was off limits and claims that they have abused the UFO field.. Louis went to the black mail box - the best spot for UFO watching... and saw..... Nothing.....

Louis decided to branch out and make contact with others who could assist him in either seeing / contacting ET... He first of all made contact with a cult - Heavens Gate... (They sent him a badge).. Then he contacted the Aquarian Concept Community, run by Gabriel, no luck. Finally, he contact The Blue Rose Ministry - Rev Robert Short, and for \$50, he would contact ET's from the planet KOLDAS (Cold as what !!!!), through the sub space radio network. This he did, and well, I will leave it to your imagination as to the conversation.....

Finally, Louis got a call from Chris O'Brien - there had been a mutilation at Alamos, San Louis Valley - a 4yr old cow, that had been dead for a day. It's jaw had been excised and its eye had been removed. Louis was nearly sick as Chris removed a sample from the cut area. Louis said 'Yuk, it's rectum is bubbling and at least it died with a smile on its face'. 'It was obviously done by Greys assisted by Reptoides, from the planet KOLDAS....'

'I had not been converted'.....

The program finished with Louis and Thor shooting at flying saucers and Greys (Models !) and Louis stamped on the UFO, just to finish it off...

My overall thoughts were, he must of been mad not to of believed that something was happening. Mind you, after seeing and meeting the people that Louis interviewed, if I was skeptical about the subject, I don't think I would of been converted. This, although interesting, did not reflect UFOlogy as maybe I would of expected the subject to be. But, for a total piss take of the subject, then I think Louis Theroux (Who by the way, wrote the program), did a very good job. For marks out of ten, well 4 for effort and wasting our time.....

NEXT ISSUE OF SUFOG

**Strange Luminosity's
witnessed at Cherhill,
Wiltshire in 1993.**

**Lionel Beer - The Mystery of
the Black Triangles.**

**Book review by Malcolm
Robinson - A Covert Agenda.**

**The latest UFO reports
received by SUFOG.**

**Review of Matthew Williams
talk on the 8th March.**

And much much more.

Television and Radio review of 1997.

- 1997 - Roswell - 50 yrs on.
 1997 - Geraldo Rivera Talk Show - UFO : Yes or No. (Part Only).
 1997 - The Paranormal World of Paul Mckenna - Mexico Sightings.
 1.1.97 - Sightings - Autopsy Forum / Shag Harbor UFO Incident.
 6.1.97 - Sightings - Echo Missile Encounter.
 9.1.97 - Sightings - Area 51 (The Et Highway) / Shag Harbor UFO Update.
 13.1.97 - EarthScan - Garry Wood Abduction.
 13.1.97 - The Why Files - Making Waves, Cornwall.
 13.1.97 - Dark Skies (Pilot Episode).
 15.1.97 - Sightings - Area 51 poisoning update / Crop Circle at Winchester.
 15.1.97 - Sightings - Attack on Washington 1952.
 20.1.97 - Sightings - Contact at Socorro / Scottish abduction / Close Encounters of the 4th Kind.
 22.1.97 - The Why Files - End of 96 Circle season.
 28.1.97 - The Why Files - Ancient Civilizations.
 29.1.97 - Sightings - Without a Trace / African UFO Landing.
 30.1.97 - The Why Files - UFO Convention, Bristol, England.
 3.2.97 - Sightings Encounters over England (Nick Pope).
 3.2.97 - The Why Files - Rendlesham Forest Encounter.
 6.2.97 - Sightings - Abducted.
 6.2.97 - The Why Files - Abducted by Aliens.
 9.2.97 - Sightings - Ohio's Area 51.
 11.2.97 - The Gordon Elliott Show.
 12.2.97 - The Why Files - Centuries of UFO Activities.
 12.2.97 - Sightings - Cattle Mutilations.
 16.2.97 - What If? - We made alien contact ?
 16.2.97 - EarthScan - Abduction of Garry Wood.
 16.2.97 - Sightings - Area 51 / Exposing Project Blue Book.
 17.2.97 - The Why Files - Rudlow; Manor & The UFO Cover-Up.
 18.2.97 - The Why Files - Past Lives.
 19.2.97 - Sightings - A Search for the Truth / Australian Crop Circles / Contact in Israel.
 19.2.97 - Fortean Tv - Alien Abduction and Art.
 24.2.97 - For the Love Of - Were The Moon Landings Hoaxed.
 25.2.97 - The Why Files - Olivers Castle Crop Circle Hoax.
 26.2.97 - Sightings - Alien abduction / Ancient Visitors.
 26.2.97 - Fortean Tv - Aliens in Israel.
 4.3.97 - Sightings - Incident at Cherry Creek.
 5.3.97 - Mysteries, Magic & Miracles - Alien Soles.
 5.3.97 - EarthScan - UFO Encounters, France 1995.
 5.3.97 - The Why Files - Roy Lake.
 6.3.97 - Sightings - UFO at Edwards AFB / Messengers of Destiny.
 7.3.97 - EarthScan - Shrewsbury UK UFO.
 10.3.97 - Sightings - Nazi UFO's / UFO's Over South Korea.
 12.3.97 - Sightings - Edwards Encounter / Alien Abductions.
 16.3.97 - EarthScan - LAPIS Conference.
 19.3.97 - The Why Files - UFO Awareness Group.
 19.3.97 - Sightings - The MJ12 Documents.
 28.3.97 - Mysteries, Magic & Miracles - UFO encounters.
 28.3.97 - Sci-Fi - World-Wide-Weird - UFO in North Korea.
 28.3.97 - Magic, Mysteries and Miracles - Communion.
 28.3.97 - EarthScan - Clas Svhan (UFO Sweden).
 28.3.97 - EarthScan - memory Loss (Val Walters).
 28.3.97 - CNN - Larry King.
 29.3.97 - EarthScan - LAPIS Conference.
 30.3.97 - EarthScan - Sodentali, Sweden.
 31.3.97 - EarthScan - LAPIS Conference.
 31.3.97 - EarthScan - Malcolm Family UFO, Scotland. Jan 1994.
 2.4.97 - Sightings - Roswell Autopsy / Spain Release UFO Material.
 2.4.97 - Sky World News - US Government report on UFO's.
 9.4.97 - Sightings - RUWA (Africa) Re-encountered / Fairfield Idaho UFO investigation.
 17.4.97 - Channel 5 - Budd Hopkins (Part Only).
 17.4.97 - EarthScan - Solna, Sweden.
 19.4.97 - Sky News - Unconvension.
 21.4.97 - EarthScan - Marcus Allen.
 24.4.97 - Mysteries, Magic & Miracles - UFO Encounter.
 27.4.97 - EarthScan - Sweden 97.
 18.5.97 - Sci-Fi scene - Film of Flying Triangle.
 22.5.97 - EarthScan - Stockholm.
 10.6.97 - Sci-Fi Scene - David Percy & Mars.
 13.6.97 - BBC1 Live - Bonnybridge (Part only).
 19.6.97 - NBC - Night News - Phoenix Arizona Sighting
 13.3.97.
 21.6.97 - The Aliens Are Coming.

24.6.97 - NBC - Night News - The Roswell Files.
 24.6.97 - CNN - World News - The Roswell Report.
 24.6.97 - CNN - Insight - The Roswell Report.
 25.6.97 - NBC - News Night - The Roswell Report.
 25.6.97 - ITV - We Are Not Alone.
 25.6.97 - The Why Files - Crop Circle message.
 27.6.97 - Strange But True - (UFO Special).
 27.6.97 - Sky 1 - Tonight - Roy Lake (LUFOS).
 28.6.97 - Sky 1 (Tonight) - Roy Lake (LUFOS).
 7.7.97 - Sci-Fi scene - Nick Pope.
 15.7.97 - Paranormal World of Paul Mckenna : Area 51.
 26.7.97 - Magic & Mystery Show - Crop Circles.
 2.8.97 - The Mag (Ch 5) - UFO's.
 4.8.97 - CNN (American Edition) - CIA UFO Report.
 4.8.97 - BBC 1 News - CIA UFO Report.
 14.8.97 - EarthScan - UFO's over German Coalfield.
 5.9.97 - Mystery and magic Show - UFO over Norfolk.
 12.9.97 - Strange But True.
 22.9.97 - The Why Files - Area 51 & Rendlesham Forest.
 23.9.97 - The Why Files - Welsh UFO's.
 24.9.97 - The Why Files - Men on the Moon.
 29.9.97 - Mysterious West - Aetherius Society.
 29.9.97 - EarthScan - Kolback, Sweden.
 3.10.97 - Strange But True - The Falkirk Triangle.
 9.10.97 - EarthScan - Matthew Williams.
 13.10.97 - EarthScan - Larry Warren & Peter Robbins.
 13.10.97 - EarthScan - Elsie Oakensen.
 14.10.97 - EarthScan - Michael Lindermann.
 10.11.97 - Sightings - UFO Confrontation in Kentucky / Mexico Mass Sightings.
 11.11.97 - EarthScan - Derrel Sims.
 11.11.97 - ITV - Mysteries - Frederick Valentich.
 27.11.97 - Channel 4 - Ricki Lake Show - Abductions.
 1.12.97 - Sightings - Abduction Special.
 1.12.97 - EarthScan - Judy Jafaar (BUFORA).
 1.12.97 - EarthScan - Marcus Allen
 3.12.97 - Discovery - Chariots of Fire.
 8.12.97 - EarthScan - Vicki Ecker.
 8.12.97 - EarthScan - Abductee Debbie Jordan.
 9.12.97 - The Why Files - Steve Gerrard and Ernie Sears.

Radio 1.1.97 - 31.12.97.

1997 - Radio 5 Live - Dr. A.G. Gevaerd (Part Only).
 18.1.97 - Radio 2 - Steve Wright Show - Jane Goldman - X-Files.
 5.2.97 - Radio 2 - Derek Jameson - Reg Presley.
 13.2.97 - Talk Radio - Paranormal Day - Are We Alone.
 2.4.97 - Talk radio - UFO Phone-In (Features Tony Dodd).
 3.4.97 - Radio Solent - Richard Williams Show - Radio Phone-In.
 7.4.97 - Radio 2 - Hayes Over Britain - Phone-In.
 24.6.97 - Talk radio - Scott Chisholm interviews Jenny Randles.
 30.6.97 - Radio 2 - Nick Pope.
 25.7.97 - Talk Radio - James Whale interviews Nick Pope.
 2.8.97 - Radio 2 - Nick Pope.
 4.8.97 - Radio Solent - Richard Williams Show - UFO's and Phone-In. (Features Steve Gerrard -

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5.9.97 - Radio Solent - interview with Steve Rider & Craig Roberts Ref. Totton college UFO course.

Well, there you have it, a total of 111 items recorded from the television and 13 items from the radio. If you have anything that does not appear in these listings, then please drop me a line and maybe we can do an exchange of information.

GROUP MEETING 11.1.98

The by-monthly group meeting was held at our usual venue, and we had 7 members attend the meeting. The first half of the meeting was taken up with recent news, letters etc and we discussed Matthew Williams forthcoming talk. We discussed advertising the event and a number of members requested flyers and posters. The second half, consisted of a quiz (identify the UFO ?), and David Williams identified the object, that in fact was the Hampshire police spotter plane flying at night. I then showed a segment of the latest Mexican video footage, and finally, I showed my interview on The Why Files. We raised a total of £24.70 towards the groups funds and a number of other items were discussed, that I will mention in a forthcoming edition of the newsletter. Thank you to those of you that attended the meeting and I hope to see you all at the 8th March meeting.

YE OLDIE NEWSPAPER REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS ESQ.



The People : 2nd Nov 97 :

Yes, a "late" discovery folks, this time a full page with the headline warning that "The Invasions over, now we're waiting for the screaming !" Philip Imbrogno's claims of "terrifying dossier", allegedly he's an ex-Special Forces, ex-CIA bod. of abductions in and around New York's Hudson Valley, and much more ! Same page has Admiral of the Fleet (retired) Lord Hill - Norton asking Commons questions on the Rendlesham Forest incident December 1980 with reference to those nukes stored there and allegedly lasered by UFO's.

World News ... YES, It's the weird one again, this time October 14th and seems a "space alien implant found in J.F.Kennedy's brain meant he was 'taken out' to prevent those aliens taking over the earth !" Russia's Khrushchev and China's Mao also had implants the paper goes on and on ! All from a book "Alien Influence" by Richard Goldever... funny, my Massachusetts penfriend mentioned she had this.

The Daily Telegraph : was more down to earth (?) December 5th with the item that the Mars Pathfinder has discovered that there are parallels twixt the Red planet and Earth ! Abundant water in the dim past and an iron core such as here. The news came from "SCIENCE" magazine.

Southampton Daily Echo : Southampton's own, had two UFO sighting reports on December 19th and headed "Is it a Sleigh?" (Oh dear !) and under "The South's X-Files"!, Two witnesses at Botley and Winchester and another who reported TWO bright lights moving away from each other.

The Times : on December 20th had their junior magazine insert covering things "spooky" that included several UFO incidents of past years... The Rendlesham Forest one, 1980, the Hessdalen Lights, Norway also in the 1980's, and a 1973 one over Newcastle which the magazine suggested (natch !) might have been Santa Claus as it was December 24th !

The Daily Telegraph : had an item on a recent American survey that said most citizens believed there IS life on other planets and that other species are more intelligent than us ! Not surprising when you look around ! A physics professor directing the 250 MILLION channel for SETI that listens for signals from space had, he said, similar views. Maybe, methinks, those aliens are so clever they are keeping their heads down and not responding

to our own signals !

The Daily Mail of January 19th (1998).. hooray !... brings up that alleged eight witness sighting over or near the former Home Secretary's home in Kent March 8th '97 in a full page article ! Wonder why ? UFO Expert Derek Sheffield said the Government was obsessed in hushing up UFO reports and the sightings got the usual MOD and other treatment of "no records of it" Labour MP for Kent East Mark Watts (a skeptic, he said !) is campaigning for an end to the secrecy surrounding UFO's. Fellow politicians said that 'Mr. Howard had more important things to deal with than UFO's !' Of course, since the incident happened a week before John Major announced the General Election date ! ('More important') meant Howard's job !

**DON'T FORGET
MATTHEW
WILLIAMS
LECTURE ON
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8TH MARCH
1998
3PM - 5PM
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TICKETS £5.00**

Twenty magazines lie glaring at me this time around, some, it is true, left over from the last issue, time being pressing !

PHENOMENA SCOTLAND opens up this issue, no particular reason, a new one from veteran Malcolm Robinson who, we are not surprised to see, is back in the UFO field with a vengeance ! Pocket sized, nicely printed and packaged, articles on ghosts, that Fife "mass occupants" landing again, amazing UFO photo over Polmont Reservoir, a video of two UFO's near Falkirk '96, Don Worley's questions on the "greenhouse effect", etc.. Malcolm's idea to "snare" the Loch Ness Monster (why not let it exist in peace, Malc ?... and isn't there a bylaw to prevent such berkish efforts ?) Excellent book reviews..The Benhar Encounter which some kind lady bought me for Christmas echoes my own doubts ! Worth the £15 for four issues from 29 Kent Road, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 2JN.

AWARENESS "Conference Issue" from Contact International UFO Research.. another pocket edition which covers in professional style such subjects as that controversial Moon landing, the Mars probe verdict in six months time if we are lucky !.. more on that October 6th '96 East Anglia incident.. Diana's tragic death "conspiracy" theory !, akin to UFOlogy ?.. the Kidlington Conference (of which our Editor prefers to forget !) Australian abductions... Sighting summaries carry excellent sketches... Argentina, Puerto

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

Rico, Germany, Spain sightings and release of "secret" files circa 1970's - 80's.. that Arizona biggie... detailed crop circle article by Geoff Ambler..... good class mag. from PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL at four issues for £9.

CUFORG is the Cornwall UFO Research Magazine, very well printed, contents include a clever cartoon by Geoff Harbett, doubts on that "alien embryo", Elaine Darlington's tales of Contact, Abduction, and the connections with the paranormal exactly as I have discovered, and covers News Bites from elsewhere too.. Puerto Rico "alien photos" genuine ?.. good Sightings coverage from Cornwall... Elaine again on Stephen Greer's SCETI progress.. cosmic "communications" from "Altem".. local forteen News.. etc etc.. six issues yearly cost £12, singles £2, from 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB. CUFORG also published an annual Sightings Summary.. unique I would think.. from October '96 to September '97.. with map

and sixty three reports with sketches etc... Cornwall to North Devon. Well worth an in depth study.. no price but try above address.

THE CALLER is Jersey and Channel Islands Newsletter Service on behalf of the Jersey UFO Research Team.. nicely printed, looks back at 1997 and spotlights a 'rather negative' report, Well known Graham Birdsall gives a guide to skywatching, a 1975 series of sightings in detail.. a slim but interesting mag. obtainable in variously priced "package deals".... the £20 one includes six "UFO MAGAZINE" issues and six of the Caller plus bonus issues, also free skywatch "training" etc. Other "deals" reducing in price. 14 John Le Quesne Close, St Clement, Jersey, JE6 6NJ.

ALIENS appears to be a newish glossy from an Exeter source. I found it very very interesting altho' those suspect UFO photos would be better left out ! Four pages of close encounters, most known to us worth studying afresh... that Mars probe photos subject to "mis-information" ?.. Down Under sightings... Warminster Revisited... Life in Space.. MIB's.... America nukes UFO !..... UFO's are Real says Chilean Government.. etc etc.. well worth the £1.50 from LCD Publishing Ltd., Suite B, Second Floor, Elm House, Mary Archer Street, Exeter, EX4 3BA.. no publishing dates appear.

UFO MAGAZINE.. Californian source, no relation to our own such... those "dummies"

backfiring claims !... "Junk Food" UFO related Advertising.. indoctrination, education ?.. MUFON Symposium on hybrids, cloning... Roswell again updated.... Menzel's usual debunking of Veliskovsky's books. This time.. book reviews good, in depth... "Left at East Gate" a 'BOMBSHELL' says contributing editor Michael Riley... TRUE !... Published bi-monthly at 25 dollars if interested at 8123 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland, CA. 91040.

INTELLIGENCE by BUFOSC.. Editor Eric Morris whose style borders on the condemnatory ! ('crappy speakers' at conferences !) but you have to admire the lad ! A pusher and tryer in getting UFOlogy into the public domain.. by hook or by crook... a cinema projectionist Tatton Cinema, Stockport, (surely not the one I did some of my backrow courting at in 1946 ?) Eric ties up lectures etc with that "MIB", and "Mars Attacks" films.. a lot to answer for, Eric !.. he also sinks his teeth into Kevin McClure's broadsides at all things UFOlogical... see my comments later... Our MOD doesn't escape Eric.. Secrecy Campaign gathering speed !.. etc etc. £2 per issue of £7 four issues from 78 Greenall Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5RN.

CIRCULAR FORUM from Gloucestershire and covers a wide area of crop circles.. nice illustrated front cover.. and UFO's etc.. asks for feedback as to what members really WANT this year.. AGARD report on military and "genuine" UFO's

or whatever they turn out to be..... Ivan's view of Other Dimensions... the Brazilian pilot's 1996 encounter with a 'gigantic' craft that took him into a spin during the thirty minutes incident.. GCHQ update... Gloucestershire sighting reports... book review of "A Covert Agenda" by a Sue Dunne. 'definitely recommended'. No price but try The Flat, Sheldon, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 6RA.

SKYSEARCH hails from the UFO Research Organization of that name and originates in the Brighton area, altho' covering a much wider scene. Articles such as Rudloe Manor Secret Citadel by Gray Lanham, Omar Fowlers "Flying Triangles in at the deep end" led to my getting involved with Ron West of the Essex UFO Group and the flying triangle USA / British database, more later !... Interesting Swiss sighting.. that strange fireball of 1978.. good crop circle article and its "dragon" connections... a well printed and varied magazine obtainable from PO Box 2507, Saltdean, Brighton, BN2 8NE at £9 four issues.

UFO MAGAZINE.. the British one.. fine article by one of our original early experiencers Tony Dodd who takes professional debunker (my own opinion!) Susan Blackmore to task on three and a half pages very well... I've found even a ten page letter to Dr. Blackmore challenging her to explain any ONE of my experiences and I'd give up after nearly sixty years ! So..

waste of time, Tony.. still, you tried ! Veteran UFO researcher Donald E Keyhoe's 'forgotten article' is says, altho' seem to recall this in my fifties paperback !.. still.. the Mexican controversy photo.. that Mars Global Surveyor, whose photos we may not get to see for a year !... and much more really good items make up this glossy mag. that goes out in shops at a reasonable £2.25. or £12 for 12 issues from Subscription Dept., Wharfebank House, Wharfebank Business Center, Ilkley Road, Otley, LS21 3JP.

ABDUCTION WATCH 5 for December '97 is the usual defamatory (!)tirade of most things UFO wise by Kevin McClure, with poor old Tony Dodd getting in the neck, much like the animal mutilations Kevin takes him to pieces on ! Those alleged "Nazi" foo fighters get filed away while Kevin broods on the even worse crimes of that evil regime..... that Mexican solo UFO video panned too, suspect as it probably is.. not so, surely, the other 600 plus taken from all over Mexico City, baby with the bathwater ? Great detective work tracking down James Prescott. Nick Redfern comes out well, not so Margaret Fry ! Those Iceland huge spheres that vanish into the sea have been reported for yonks, Kev, and there's lots of similar suitable, surely, hiding places for an "alien" or other species ? Tony Dodd is again the target ! Even yours truly cops it, mildly, thank Goodness ! Yeah ! How does Kevin KNOW I might have 'got drawn into religious cults, cult busters, and de-programmers'? I

didn't ! "healing" etc and those pesky UFO's found ME... and apparently ever since the 1930's ! A long long story, when and if I get the book done you can have a complimentary copy ! If anyone wants Kevin's newsletter, and it's worth the £5 for four or £10 for 12 from 3 Claremont Grove, Leeds, LS3 1AX, its all part of the jigsaw, even if proving that some people speculate, theorize, castigate, on matters they have not, unlike the victims, experienced ! Bet Kevin's on good terms with Susan Blackmore and Stuart Campbell !

UFO SIGHTINGS and other unexplained mysteries is an American mag. rather sinister in content, I thought, as I read The UFO - Poltergeist Connection, Aliens, Friends or Foes ?, The real X - Files exposed, embellished with drawings of sinister men, Keel's Mothman, a photo of an alleged MIB stalking Timothy Beckley ! ... even Hansel and Gretel's "fairy story" gets linked with warning to abductees ! Mind you, the two kids were flattened for the oven ! No kitchen equipment ever seen on UFO's ! However, the magazine is well produced, and if you like that sort of read then the GCR Publishing Group Inc. 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 would react favorable I'm sure, as no price given.

SYNCRISTA is an unusual eight page mag.. if you are interested, or even into, meditation, psychics, crop circles, UFO's, new healing, coincidences, Zen, etc you can get a copy free to decide whether the 12 issues is

worth the £12 subscription. If "sexuality and transcendence" or the eye-catching "Eroticism, Innocence, and Transmutation" get you, get posting. Having been to the Farnham Holistic days some years ago myself it is interesting to see the support from there.

INUFOR DIGEST... Two issues, July and November '97, are Australian based and with forty odd pages a good read from the Down Under point of view. Many pages on the abduction and experiences of Leesa Donohue in the July issue, UFO's in France, Scientific Collaboration by Claire Williams, that Left at East Gate reviewed.. somber conclusion on the subtle loss of "democracy" over decades that this book has examples of. The November issue contains The Physics of a Flying Saucer by Ted Roach... the "FS" dates him or it !... can you cope with the Multi hypothesis Approach ?... The Portland Encounter complete with pages of the craft, the occupants, and Moira McGhee's experiences as well as her children, both of who are currently under specialized psychiatric care. The Independent Network of UFO Researchers Seminar boasted some 14 speakers and was very successful. No price given but PO Box 783, Kogarah, New South Wales. 2217, Australia, is the "office".

TEMS NEWS Is a natty little newsletter dated November '97 and number 17 on it's well

designed front cover, a picture of ST Winefrides Holy Well and Healing spring.. but not to worry, this production is packed full of the paranormal, including UFO sightings in the London area, Ghosts, Life After Death, Earthquakes, even those Treacle Mines ! (Treacle Mines.... yes !). Seeing UFO veteran Lionel Beer heads the founders of the Travel and Earth Mysteries Society... TEMS", see ?.. but think those treacle mines... the Devon one is up for sale it says !.. this mag. runs the whole area of the paranormal. Two "disc" UFO's over Thorpe July 1997... others over Merton, Morden, and THREE over the Wimbledon area up to October '97. 'Course, there's also one man who claims to TEMS that Jesus Christ lives in Wimbledon ! Jim Schnabel's new book REMOTE VIEWERS is looked at in depth. While THE GREAT UFO HOAX.. The Final Solution by Gregory Kanon gets a mention by Lionel Beer who concludes, not surprisingly, NOT "The Final Solution" ! No subs etc visible but try 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY. (Coincidentally (?) I was born at Twickenham, Lionel !).

Remember reader, if you would like to comment on a magazine that you have read, or seen something on the Tv that you think other readers would like to hear about, then drop me a line and I can add it to the end of Ernie's reviews. Remember, the newsletter is produced for you, and by you..... So get writing.

**HYPNOSIS, IS IT A
RELIABLE TOOL TO
RETRIEVE HIDDEN
SUBCONSCIOUS MEMORY
OF A UFO ABDUCTION ?
BY MALCOLM ROBINSON.**

It would seem that the subject of hypnotic regression as a tool to extract any possible hidden subconscious memory from a UFO Abduction, is a topic of which is highly controversial within the UFO community, more so with researchers themselves. Should it be used ? Are there hidden dangers ? Or is it as I postulate, a tool which can at the very least, provide us with information which is beneficial to the study of the UFO phenomenon ? There is no doubt that hypnosis stands on shaky ground, there will always be, no matter what, a difference of opinion on the use of it in study of witness recall. We can argue about it till we are blue in the face, but the hard facts remain, that no matter what, you can't please all the people all of the time. So why do I, as a researcher, believe that we should be using hypnosis in the study of witness recall ? Read on.

First and foremost, I appear to have upset a fellow researcher by the name of Kevin McClure, a man I deeply respect, and who is in my book, a fine Investigator. I have no axe to grind with Kevin, we differ deeply on this issue. He believes that we should 'not' be using hypnosis, whilst I believe that we 'should'. Kevin recently submitted a letter to many British researchers about why we shouldn't be using hypnosis, in that letter he criticizes me for advocating it, and calls into

question my integrity as a researcher for doing so. I feel that I have to react to his criticism and do so now through the writing of this article.

**WHY I FEEL HYPNOSIS IS
BENEFICIAL TO THE
STUDY OF THE UFO
ABDUCTION.**

O.K at the end of the day, we are largely dealing with the witness, as the UFO has long gone. Researchers should treat witnesses with the highest of respect and dignity and respect their wishes at all times during an Investigation, this also implies if the witness does not wish the use of hypnosis conducted on them. Now as a researcher, it is my job to get to the truth, and in doing so, I feel that I should get to that truth by the use of any manner of means that is available to me. It would not be professional to throw out 'any' means of assistance to a case study simply because so and so says that you can't use that method. I do strongly accept that hypnosis is not the be all and end all of Investigation, it has it's pitfalls, it may not be the best means of finding out what the witness experienced. People can lie / please the hypnotherapist whilst under hypnosis, of course there are problems with it, I would never state that there was not. So why then do I, as an accredited BUFORA Investigator, whose group has outlawed the use of such practice, still carry on with it ? As an individual, I do honestly believe, that the use of hypnosis can unlock certain

doors of the mind of which can release previously suppressed information, or memories which are too painful for the conscious mind to allow recall and in effect 'forces' it to the back of the mind. None of us wish to remember events in our lives which proved painful, and the human mind has a great capacity for suppressing these memories. the thing is, those memories **are still there,** they will never go away, unless in extreme medical conditions, a severe knock to the head for instance of which has happened to numerous people when they totally forget their own family and friends. My point is, that police authorities the world over do use hypnosis and recognize the importance of doing so. They have used it sparingly in cases in which they felt would benefit the case they were working on. And let us not forget, the police have also used psychic mediums in the hopeful detection of missing persons, is that wrong as well ! But the million dollar question is, "Can we accept anything that comes out of hypnosis" ? Yes and No !! It must be used, but used only by professional and qualified practitioners, and not be done by stage hypnotists or 'back street' wise guys. UFOlogy is a serious subject, and should be treated seriously, and only proper qualified people should be allowed near the witness, and even then, purely on the instructions and requests of the witness. I would now like to address some of Kevin McClure's misinformed statements about myself, members of SPI, and our belief that hypnosis should be

considered in the study of the UFO witness.

(A) Kevin appears troubled that we at SPI used a psychic medium in the A70 Scottish UFO Abduction case. And refers in his widely circulated letter, about a reference in our previous Journal ENIGMAS Nov/Dec 1994 about this. He states that the A70 case was developed using (as he calls it), 'amateur regression hypnosis' Dear oh dear, why do people write things without checking their facts first ? Although the regressionist concerned was also a psychic, she was/is a professional and qualified hypnotherapist, she was not a 'flyby night practitioner'. She 'was' qualified, end of story.

(B) I did not encourage one of the A70 witnesses to Investigate the recent 'Fife Incident', he, (Garry Wood), found out about the case before I and had already partly Investigated it. Since Garry's own experience, he is absolutely desperate to find an answer to account for what happened to him during his own experience, and has thrown himself into UFOlogy with such intense vigor, that it has surpassed anything that I have seen before. He is like a Demon possessed to find an answer. So I **DID NOT** push Garry into researching the Fife Incident. Again, Kevin did not check his facts here.

I'm not alone in being the sole thorn in Mr. McClure's side. he also has a go at Matthew Williams and Derrel Sims. the human mind harbors still hidden discoveries. We only use but a percent of it. Some people say that those psychic individuals can tap into a hidden store-house in the brain of which most people

cannot. Like I say, there will always be a division of opinion on this matter, and to be honest, I don't think that there will come a time when we all can agree on what is best. It's certainly a case just now that this is a 'hot potato', but it's right that we should be debating it. Let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater, what a silly thing that would be to do. I must point out that I am not falling out with Kevin or anyone else on this issue. This is purely a division of belief, that's all, nothing else.

At the end of the day, whatever information we can provide to assist in the uncovering of the UFO phenomenon, 'must' be for the good, but let's ensure that we know what we are doing, that qualified, and only qualified people are allowed near our witnesses. This isn't a stage show, we are dealing with people here. But let us not forget the fact that as researchers, we must get to the truth, with no leading questions. it would be a sad day for UFOlogy if we kicked into touch, a subject which might show us the way in the understanding of the UFO enigma. That subject is hypnosis, and I say let's use it.

(By Malcolm Robinson SPI Scotland).

**Transcript of a follow-up
radio interview with Derek
Jameson & Philip Mantle on
the 8th May 1989 (See
Newsletter for the
first interview).**

DJ - Derek Jameson
PM -Philip Mantle.

DJ : Now then last May, I spoke to Philip Mantle about the UFO hotline that he had set up. BUFORA wanted to hear from people who had seen strange objects in the sky. As a result of that interview, Philip is now involved running UFO evening classes, at the center of education at Osset, West Yorkshire. He's on the phone now, Good morning Philip.

PM : Good morning.

DJ : How did the evening classes come about ?

PM : Well the head of the adult education center, a Mr. Walker, actually heard of me on the radio while driving to work one morning and the idea sprung literally from that interview I did with you.

DJ : I see, he thought it would make a good subject.

PM : He certainly did and the response has been phenomenal and you are partly responsible.

DJ : Grand, that's splendid news.

How long does the course last ?

PM : The course lasts for 10 weeks. It starts tomorrow actually. we will be running 10 weekly sessions and possibly even more with the response we've had, it's been phenomenal.

DJ : And did you devise the course yourself, Philip.

PM : yes. I've worked on the course with a colleague of mine called Andy Roberts and we've devised a course, special course handouts and everything has been devised by ourselves.

DJ : What kind of areas will you be covering ?

PM : well, were going to cover everything that we can within the 10 weeks. Were starting off

been devised by ourselves.

DJ : What kind of areas will you be covering ?

PM : well, were going to cover everything that we can within the 10 weeks. Were starting off with a brief introduction, but were going to look at UFO's around the world, local view points and then were going to look at some of the classic cases and abductions and some of the theories, such as the E T theory. Even the theory that all UFO's are bunkum.

DJ : Indeed, and so it will be left to the pupils to decide for themselves will it ?

PM : That's right, we've called the course 'UFO's : Fact or Fiction ?', and we are not trying to indoctrinate anyone. we are eventually to let everyone make their own mind up.

DJ : yes. and enrollment, if it starts tomorrow, that means people can enroll today and tomorrow. is it open to everybody Philip ?

PM : That's right. Initially we were going to limit it, but the response has been so great, that we cannot just do that, people can come from anywhere.

DJ : I see. And if your over subscribed, too many students, then you'll open more courses ?

PM : That's right. I've been speaking with Mr. Walker at the center and if we are over subscribed, we have made provisional plans to run a parallel course, perhaps on the same evening, or at the weekend. It depends on the students themselves.

DJ : that's smashing isn't it. maybe it will spread to other adult education centers ?

PM : I would certainly hope so. interest in the subject, not just in

the area where I live, but throughout the country is far greater than it has been for many many years. And if there is anybody out there who is interested, then get in touch.

DJ : We know that officialdom might look down their noses at the idea, but the public is very much interested in UFO's aren't they ?

PM : That's right. I mean for instance, membership to our association is increasing, which it hasn't done so for a long time and media interest in the subject is higher than it has been for many many years. Also Hollywood has capitalized on the interest, with the release of another UFO movie later this year.

DJ : Yes. What about the hotline itself. Have you had any interesting calls ?

PM : After I did the interview with yourself, the phone has not stopped ringing for weeks on end. I've had dozens, possibly several hundred phonecalls, most of which were the usual things, aircraft etc. But three or four cases that did come along were interesting. One is extremely interesting. It is a photographic case from near Brighton and basically the chap just bought a new video camera, went out to test it and he saw this unusual object in daylight and he's filmed it. This is being studied by our researchers in the area at this moment. We also had a chap come forward, who is in the RAF. He was stationed at a base in Suffolk and one night in late 1980, he observed some unusual targets on his radar and several aircraft were ordered to intercept. That's not that fascinating in its own,

but there was a large incident that took place at another RAF base in Suffolk. That we do have a lot of documentation about and we think the two could be possibly connected.

DJ : that's the famous case of the American colonel who reported that there had been UFO's.

PM : That's right. It was luet colonel Charles Halt at RAF Woodbridge. So this is possibly some more information. Another interesting case, we are still working on is a lady in Liverpool. who claims that several years ago, she went aboard a UFO, some people term this type of experience as an abduction. she claims to of met occupants, non-human beings and it is a fascinating case.

DJ : And that's from the Merseyside ?

PM : That's right. that's from Liverpool. It does have a lot of similarities from other cases of this type, both in this country and abroad as well.

DJ : Most of the encounters or abductions have been n the United States haven't they ?

PM : That's right. In the States there are hundreds, possibly thousands of them. in this country, there's perhaps twenty to thirty that we know of.

DJ : What do you think Philip. Your use to devoting much of your life to this subject. What do you think about these encounters ?

PM : Well, the abductions in this country, the general opinion is that it's not necessarily an abduction by alien beings. There's no proof what so ever that alien beings abduct people. What we do say is that these people do have a genuine

starting, report that things go quiet, as if they are entering some kind of dream state or other realm of consciousness and thought is going along the lines that perhaps it is an altered state of consciousness that produces these abduction experiences.

DJ : the witnesses are certainly normal, straight forward people. I mean we've had policemen, fire chiefs and so on.

PM : That's right. There's no one individual sought of pattern as far as the people are concerned. they are from all walks of life, from like you say, a police officer, housewife, a teacher etc etc... and it doesn't stick to male or female, its quit random and there's no particular age groups or anything like that, it just happens.

DJ : Of course that rather ethereal group, called the Aetherius Society, they think there are aliens, visitors from outer space, actually circling the globe and waiting for the right moment to land.

PM : That's right. The Aetherian Society are not a research group like we are. they believe, and I stand corrected, they believe we are being visited by friendly beings from Venus, who are out to save the world.

DJ : That's right.

PM : As the space probes have proved, there is no life on Venus at all. The Aetherius Society is more of a religious organization than a research group. They are believers, we are not a belief related organization.

DJ : Indeed, your just looking for hard facts.

PM : That's right.

DJ : Yeh. shall I give the hotline number again ?

PM : Yes please.

DJ : Or have you had enough ?

PM : No. We've never had enough.

DJ : All right then. Philip mantle and BUFORA hotline number 0924 444049 / 0924 444079.

There you are Philip Mantle.

PM : Thank you very much.

DJ : You'll have another thousand calls now.

PM : I hope so.

DJ : Good luck to you. We'll talk again.

PM : Okay. Bye for now.

DJ : Bye bye, Philip Mantle.

A CROP OF ARTICLES.

'DESTINED ENCOUNTERS ?'

The interpretation of crop circles and their possible meaning has, over the years, been varied to say the least. Some theories are plausible, some have been disproved and some are down right nonsense. This is part and parcel of the phenomena. It is open to all interpretations and it reveals our weaknesses and strengths when dealing with such an enigma. It should teach us to expand our imagination and not limit it. New theories and interpretations are always welcome providing the available facts and evidence are not ignored. the reporting of crop circles in U.F.O magazines has on the whole been quite good I feel. However, of late, this has changed for the worse. what we are now seeing is an abundance of mis-information from certain U.F.O and crop

circle glossy's.

For my main example, I will single out what is for me one of the worst offenders at the moment - that is the magazine Alien Encounters, this glossy sensation seeking magazine sells for £2.99 per issue. Over the past few months this magazine has been more and more concerned with crop circles. Most of the material has come from people who have been involved with crop circle for a few years now and therefore should know better such as Steve Alexander who has all but cornered the market in crop circle photographs, and his colleague Karen Douglas. These two remember were largely responsible for the nonsense they called 'PROJECT MAXIM' in 1995. This involved making a hoax circle in an area where some of the most stunning crop circles have appeared over the years, then calling this deception a scientific experiment.

It is worth noting that one leading crop circle journal has refused to show any of his photographs due to his involvement with this 'Project'. Getting back to Alien Encounters, I was surprised when I read in the No.9 issue an article by Chris Kenworthy (who has written a number of things about crop circles over the years and should know better !) entitled 'Just Kidding', he suggested that people who create deceptions such as idiots using helium filled balloons to deceive U.F.O watchers are actually helping our U.F.O knowledge. He went on to give instructions on how to create a fake U.F.O sighting ! This from a SERIOUS U.F.O magazine.

I wrote to Alien Encounters to complain of this irresponsible attitude. They printed my letter in the magazine and answered saying that they were not really telling people to go out and fake sightings oh no no no ! They were just showing the investigators how to eliminate all possibility of a fraud. They insult serious investigators intelligence, then again I am sure such people are not their target anyway. I can imagine an average A.E reader being aged 16, watched all the X-File episodes, saw a U.F.O documentary once, get the picture? Yes, I know I was naive once too, fortunately for me Alien Encounters wasn't around in the mid 70's.

It is also worth bearing in mind that this issue ran a competition in which the prize was a remote controlled balloon that resembled a U.F.O. I presume this was so investigators could see what a hoax U.F.O looks like and not done to encourage hoax activity oh no no no. Cynical me ! There was worse to come in the coming months.

In the July issue "THE GREAT CROP CIRCLE PARADOX" article appeared in A.E. in which Alexander and Douglas told the world of 'PROJECT MAXIM' (SEE S.U.F.O.G No.83) this was a virtual copy of a piece that appeared first in the 'SUSSEX CIRCULAR' the previous year. Since I have written in some depth about the 'MAXIM' nonsense I don't wish to go over it again. Next was issue 17 (October) in which an erroneously titled piece called 'NEGLECTED EVIDENCE - THE CROP CIRCLE LIGHTS' appeared. Although Alexander and Douglas

never wrote the piece judging by the wording, their names are shown in the credits at the beginning. As can be seen from the title it is suggested that this evidence is being ignored by many investigators which is complete rubbish. Every croppie I have spoken to over the years knows all about these lights. Next the article informs us that some believe these lights are 'Earth Lights' which they dismiss, due to there being no evidence for such phenomena (Paul Devereaux please phone !!!!!!!). To cap it all, it goes on to say that as far as they know, there exists no other footage of this type of light apart from ones seen near a crop circle, wrong !. I suggest they check out the footage of concord's maiden flight, when a very similar object flies along the aircraft's fuselage.

The best was yet to come, for in issue 18 (November), the first of two articles appeared by Chris Kenworthy, called "Destined Encounters", in which he tells us he was making his first hoax U.F.O landing sites, and, claims to have made a few crop circles way back in 1976 (when he was just 8 years old !). he goes on to say that he recently found evidence that he may have been abducted, (I seem to be the only one that hasn't lately !) and his reason for this belief is that his old neighbors recently told him that a number of years ago they saw a "CLASSIC FLYING SAUCER" hovering right outside his bedroom window.

The second article was called "ATTRACTING U.F.O's", this was supposed to be a guide for improving ones chances of seeing a U.F.O. With interest I read on. In a side column entitled

'CIRCLE U.F.O's' Kenworthy summed up his thoughts in the first line with the comment 'One of the best ways to attract U.F.O's is to make crop circles'. He went on to remind potential hoaxers that it is illegal to make crop circles without prior consent of the farmer and making crop circles without informing researchers can confuse their efforts when investigating (a bit obvious I thought). However, within the same piece he writes that if you tell everyone that you are making a crop circle, then the only visitors you will get will be crows ! So, work as secret as possible. (confused ? I was). He goes on to say that if you do make circles then be sure to take your camcorder in case one shows up ! (I can't believe what I'm reading). Ask yourself, is this man discouraging hoaxing ?

As if this was not enough to enflame most croppies anger, Kenworthy then comes out with "WHATEVER THE TRUTH, MAKING CIRCLES DOES ATTRACT U.F.O's". And please ALIEN ENCOUNTERS, don't try and tell me I have misunderstood the article this time, you should be ashamed to let this article be printed in your 'SERIOUS' magazine. The same issue has Alexander (Steve) and Douglas (Karen) showing what is promised to be "STUNNING AERIAL PICTURES OF 1997s BEST CROP CIRCLES". In reality, only 14 out of about 80 that appeared during 1997, some of them shown are highly suspicious in origin, although I doubt if that's too important where business is concerned

As I mentioned at the start, the explanation for crop circles is open to all. There are no real experts.

The phenomena defies rules and those who say that 'It does this or that' soon end up looking stupid. What I find unacceptable is when individuals choose to leave out evidence and facts because it does not fit in with their version of the truth. This magazine would no doubt retort with something like, 'If you don't like it, don't read it'. Fair enough, however, if they continue to walk a very fine line between enticing people to hoax and then deny any such suggestion, I will always be prepared to put pen to paper.

I would like to leave you with something Chris Kenworthy wrote in 1993 for the 'CEREALOGIST' and please bear in mind when reading this what Chris said about making a crop circle when he was 8 years old in 1976. "One afternoon in a London side street,

I became a True Believer. The cover of a new crop circle book displayed images which stirred something within me. I spent the following days in a state of excited panic, knowing that I would have an important part to play in the phenomena. Over a year later, I knelt by a wheat field and began to bend the stalks down. Within seconds I became a skeptic, and a few months later, a cynic". What a web we weave, etc etc.....

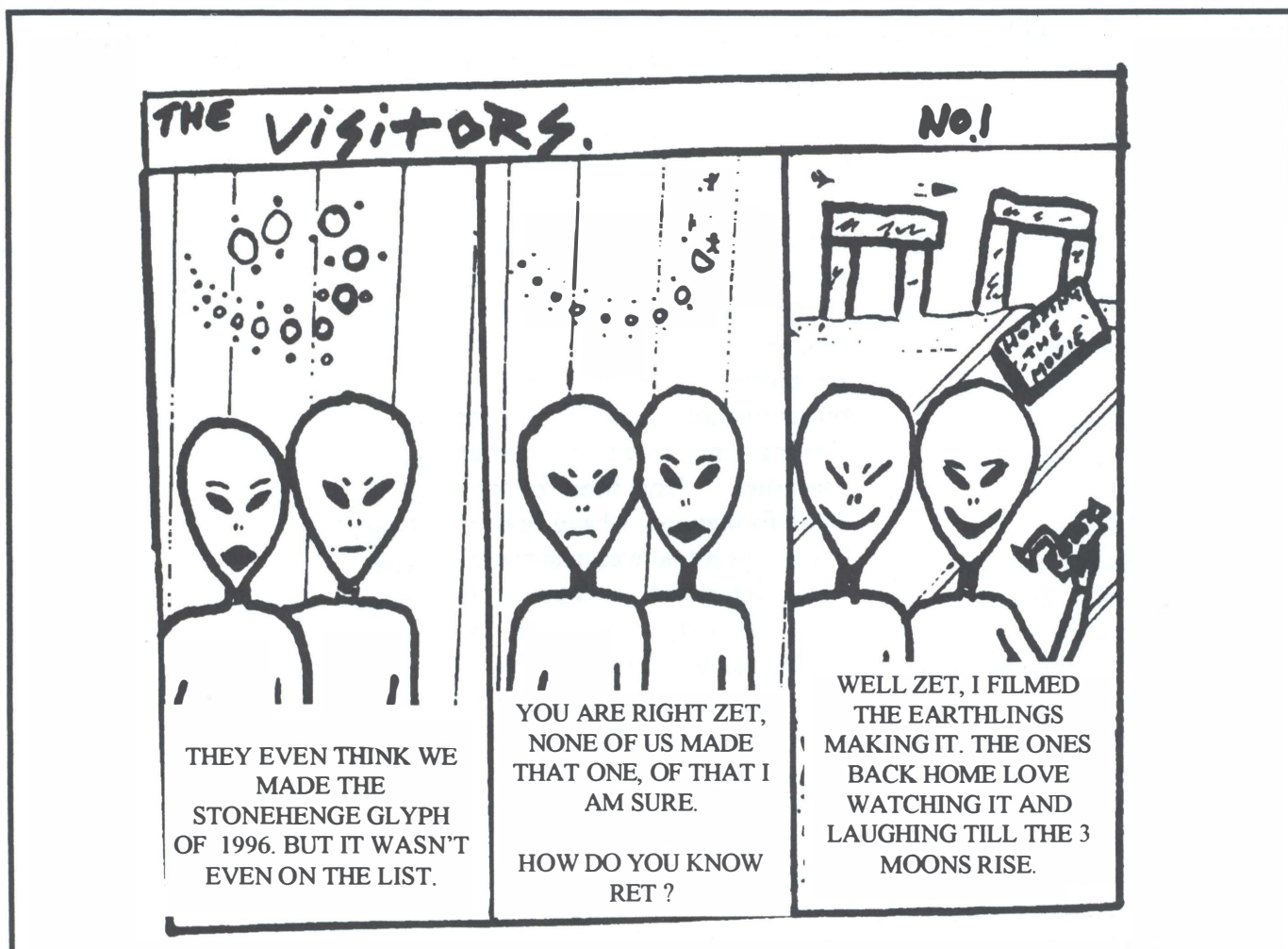
Article and cartoon by
G.HARROP.....

Letter From John Sayer.

Dear Steve,

I am writing in response to the letter from Andy Thomas in "SUFOG Newsletter 83/84", in which he defends his comment on ITV's "The Magic and Mystery Show" that "... skeptics had no choice but to condemn as fake the controversial Olivers Castle video of a crop formation apparently appearing". he conducts his defense by defining "skeptic" as "one who believes all crop circles are man-made".

Well, this may be a neat linguistic trick, but a trick is all it is : redefining terms in order to justify what you say in the face



of valid criticism is a skill universally employed by propagandists and misinformers, but it won't work here. You don't have to be a "skeptic" about crop circles to see all the obvious flaws in the Olivers Castle video, nor does pointing them out make you a "debunker" as Andy Thomas's letter implies.

The person who claimed to have filmed balls of light flying around over the field in which a crop formation seems to appear said that he did so at dawn. It is immediately obvious from the shadows in the formation that it (the formation, that is) was filmed late in the day. The mysterious cameraman also claimed to have been filming the "balls of light" without realizing that a formation was appearing in the crop, yet the camera is held steadily towards where the formation appears, filling the screen neatly, and there is no attempt to follow the balls of light as they go out of the frame of the video.

You don't need a master's degree in videography to see that there is something very fishy about this already! the rest of the story surrounding this event is so full of contradictions and flaws it becomes laughable, but it would take too much space to go into here.

Andy Thomas declares that there is no proof that the video is a hoax. There may - as yet - be no incontrovertible, irrefutable, undeniable proof that the video is a fake, but the evidence certainly points that way. So why does Andy Thomas, as he puts it himself, "continue to sit on the fence" where this businesses concerned? Perhaps it has something to do with the

book he recently co-authored with Paul Bura, "Quest For Contact", which is a "psychic questing" story in the style of Andrew Collins ("The Seventh Sword", "the Black Alchemist" etc.), a tale featuring psychic messages and balls of light in which our heroes attempt, with the aid of various channeled entities and sacred site "guardians" to - wait for it - capture on video a crop circle forming.. Need one say more?

Yours Sincerely.

John Sayer.

LOOK BEFORE YOU SPEAK...

I was recently fortunate enough to obtain a copy of Country File UK (Farming program shown on Sunday mornings), shown in 1997. In this, crop circle researcher Lucy Pringle is interviewed and dramatically, the phone goes, 'Hello', 'Yes', 'Where?' and we are off.... We are taken to a rather tatty crop formation and Lucy carries on 'During my research, certain anomalies have been found in some formations. I have been in one this year that was man made'.

The interview changes to Doug Bower, who with his LATE partner Dave Chorley (I assume by this comment, that Mr. Chorley has passed away?) and Doug creates a formation with the aid of the music from Mission Impossible. The presenter then asks 'Can we fool researcher Lucy Pringle'. Well, Lucy did find signs of damage,

but did not seem all that impressed. She said 'In genuine ones, no weight is applied - is as if some sort of plasma vortex softens the plants at the base and they then fall over'. She is asked if she could show the presenter a genuine formation. Lucy says 'There is one I want to show you, that I believe is a genuine. Every year, you have a master piece. And this is the master piece of 1997'. She went on to say that you should of been here when it was found and that she was very impressed by the complexity of the lay and the flowing river of crop. (By the way, the formation was found at Milk Hill, in Wiltshire. She finished up with advising people who are pregnant, planning to become pregnant and are fitted with items such as pace makers, not to enter crop circle formations, as she 500 file on people who have been effected by them.

An interesting program, but having recently seen some private video footage from the formation, you can see clearly where the creator(s) have mapped out the formation first, by the lay of the corn in straight lines, then they have tried to disguise this, by laying the crop over these planned lines to give the illusion of what appears to be a genuine formation. Although I never went into the Milk Hill formation, from the video footage that I have seen, Lucy has got it wrong as far as I am concerned. The formation is a masterpiece, and that's all it is, a masterpiece painted on the English countryside by a budding Rembrandt.

Funny Old World.

We all have experiences and memories that, for what ever reason, we are unable to explain. I am no exception, as you will see from what follows.

On the morning of Monday the 19th January 1998, I woke with somewhat of a shock. Had I been dreaming ? Was my subconsciousness working overtime ? I woke with a vague feeling as if I had been somewhere else. I could remember waking up in a strange room. To my right, a small figure was in the shadows standing by the bed. Suddenly there was a bright flash of white light and the figure was gone. Then, as if time had jumped, it was night time again. I was going to set a trap for this 'Alien' visitor. For some inexplicable reason, I placed a glass of water by the side of the bed. Again, I woke up and this figure was by the side of the bed, drinking the water. When the figure realized I was awake, it put the glass down and stood there looking at me. I noticed that a large window (Like a verandah window) was open and the breeze was blowing the open curtains. The figure moved towards the open window and for no reason, I picked up the empty glass, and threw it at the figure. The glass seemed to hit some kind of invisible barrier and drop to the floor without breaking. Then there was this bright flash of white light and I had woken from my memories, and I was back with reality.

I woke up, and remember looking at the alarm clock, 04.30 am. Was it a dream ? Was my imagination playing tricks on

me ? or is something *going* to happen in the future ? I think that this was purely a dream and nothing else, but..... !

Where have all the **BIG** Cats gone....

In the Southampton Evening Echo of 8th January, a Fareham woman told of her hair raising encounter. She claims she saw a black puma-like creature prowling next to her house (Probably a cat-burglar.. Editor's comment....). This sighting comes after the government announced plans to investigate the big cat phenomenon (At last... Ed). The creature was jet black, with a very long tail down to the ground.

In the 9th January edition of the Echo, a woman from the same estate, whilst out walking her dog encountered the 'Thing'. 'It was black with a long tail and long legs. It was much taller than a domestic cat and definitely wasn't a fox'. But cat experts at Marwell Zoo maintain the possibility of ferocious felines roaming the Hampshire countryside is remote.

That was a purrrrrfect tail and if anything else appears in the newspaper, I will keep you updated.

Dear Editor.....

As an avid reader of SUFOG Newsletter, and chairman of ASTRASEARCH UFO Investigation Group, I have

complete understanding of your reference in the last issue to excessive workload, and the pressures this can cause. To produce any newsletter of merit involves enormous amounts of time and effort. To produce such a document on a regular basis, demands co-operation from group members willing to submit material, and assist in it's production. We attempted such an incentive when ASTRASEARCH had not long been established, during which time we managed to produce just two issues ! Despite the high quality product, we were forced to shelve further production simply because of lack of support from members.

Perhaps we should consider a rearrangement of a famous quotation which sums up what being an active member entails. *"Ask not what your group can do for you, But rather what you can do for your group"*.

After all, if it were not for those who are inspired to lead our local groups, people like Jerry of UFOMEK, John of Truth Research Investigations, Maxine, Pat and Bill of Southend and many others, there would be no groups for members to go to.

So keep up the good work Steve, although our members may not always support us, we provide a vital service to them. A service which, like us, you may well have to reduce somewhat, but please keep the Newsletter going !! It makes up for us not having one !!

David H. Quickenden.
(Chairman - ASTRASEARCH)

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PUCKS REVIEW

EDITORIAL

WELCOME to the 1st edition of PUCKS REVIEW, a supplement to the SUFOG Newsletter that is concerned with crop circle matters and maybe a few things beside. I have been writing on and off for SUFOG for the past four years under the alias of the wheatear, I have discussed with Steve Gerrard about a section devoted to crop circles, to which Steve agreed. I should add that I have never done anything like this before so bare with me, it's all down to enthusiasm and a firm belief that some crop circles are truly mysterious in origin. The Review is written, edited and devised by myself unless stated otherwise, so don't blame Steve. If you don't like something tell me! I ask for no money but I would appreciate it if you at least read the section even if your mind is made up about circles and believe it's all a hoax and an illusion, I write this review with you in mind. The Review is named in honour of the most famous goblin of English folklore, PUCK or ROBIN GOODFELLOW. This sprite of field and woodland for me sums up the mischevious nature of c.circles, the mysterious origin of the sprite, his apparent delight when fooling humans(running rings around us), and reveling in the confusion and disputes that his nocturnal activity results in.

I hope that by doing a regular c.circle piece I can counteract some of the nonsense that some 'Researchers' have been coming out with of late, to be honest I cant believe they would even think some of the things they have had printed, but they have and I for one will not sit back and go, tut,tut, thats not cricket! No siree! I feel the subject deserves better treatment. I feel a closer look at the hoaxers or circlemakers, as some prefer, is now very important to understand further the c.circle issue, there is now evidence that the circlemakers themselves may be under close scrutiny from the REAL circlemakers, see the CEREOLOGIST review. Hoaxing is an unpleasant fact of the c.circles story, but a fact it is, and after all hoaxing is one response that we as a species deal with the phenomena, some ignore it, some copy it, and a few try and understand it (this is the hardest path, believe me!). Some years ago now I wrote in the SUFOG newsletter that the hoaxers will never stop while the real formations keep appearing each year, their techniques will improve each season, this I feel has been happening. The main thing to remember is that a real phenomena is at work and that must not be forgotten. I promise you that I will not try to commercialize the subject by selling mugs, pens and other assorted claptrap and claim the money is to help 'MY' research, as some have done, I will not create hoaxes and pass them off as genuine and profit from the deception, as some have done, I will not try and suggest I am in contact with the real circlemakers or maintain a belief in some hoaxes because my book sales might be affected or dabble in ouija boards in a desperate attempt to contact the real circlemakers, as some have done also. I say enough is enough, lets have the truth, thats all I am interested in. I hope you find PUCKS REVIEW of some interest, KEEP THAT MIND OPEN!!!

"I am that merry wanderer of the night."

It is well known that some of the most impressive and stunning crop circles have appeared in the British Isles, however as they say 'we are not alone' for Europe has had a number of formations that appear interesting this year. Although I can't be sure of their authenticity I think you would agree that they are visually impressive at least.

30th. June
Zerlenberg,
nr. Kassel
Germany
Wheat

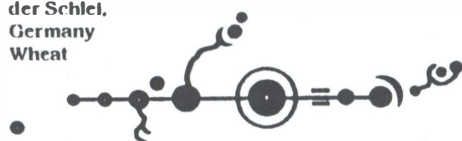
112' diameter.



The labyrinth or maze. A mandala representing growth and change of the personality and spiritual development for mankind. This ancient image can be found from Tintagel in Cornwall to the arid lands of N.Arizona home of the HOPIS, where it is called TAPUAT meaning mother and child. In Italy it can be found on petroglyphs dating back to the 2nd millennium, and can be found on the famous Nasca lines in S.America.

1st. August
Lindau am Nordufer
der Schlei,
Germany
Wheat

Overall dimensions:
400' x 177'.



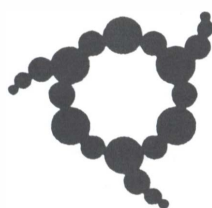
Similar to formations in England around 1990. Note themes of the Alton Barnes big ones, like boxes and claws.

Although the third formation shown here comes from England I think its worth compairing it to the one found in Holland.

mid June
Cuxton, Kent

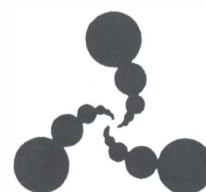
Wheat

Circles: 46", 30", 21" &
11'6". Ring of circles
c. 145' diameter.
All circles c/w.



16th. July
Nieuwerkerk,
Zeeland
Holland
Wheat.

Middle circle in each
arm of seven: 75'.



Two more visual challenges. The date and location of these two are interesting. Strange forces at work or a case of synchronous hoaxing!

5th. July
Alttrp. nr.
Ludwigshaven,
Germany

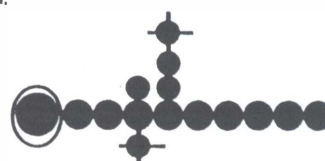
Wheat

Overall length 130'.



5th. July
Hooghalen,
Drente
Holland
Rye

Overall length 243'.



Last year at the start of the crop circle season I predicted that it would be a special year for circles, well to be honest I was a little disappointed with what did appear. I had made a prediction about what the circle makers would do, and of course I was shown to be wrong, (I am not the first and I am certainly not the last to be caught out by the mischevious nature of crop circles.) As it turned out I did not have much luck in circle visting either due to a number of problems so I visted the fields on a much reduced schedule. With that in mind I decided to ask a few prominent researchers for their opinions about what for them was the best formation(s) of 1997. First I asked John Haddington(13th Earl of Haddington). Founder member of the C.C.C.S. , John has written and lectured extensively about circles over the years and has had a lifetime interest in ancient systems of belief and metaphysical beliefs of non-western societies.

"I am sure that everyone would agree that the two KOCH FRACTALS at Silbury Hill and Milk Hill were this year's most exceptional events as they were so obviously a set they cannot be seperated with ease. The other formation that was radically different to all other formations was the Etchilhampton RYVITTA or MICROCHIP. This was most impressive in its linear symmetry. It's companion which appeared at the same time was very well presented as well."

23rd. July
Silbury Hill, Wilts.
(SU 099691)
Wheat

236' across.
126 circles (54 x 7'
& 72 x 3'6").

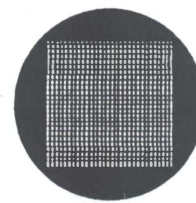


KOCH FRACTAL.

1st. August
Etchilhampton, Wilts.

Wheat

Circle 154' diam. Sides
of square 104'. 780
rectangles (30 x 26).



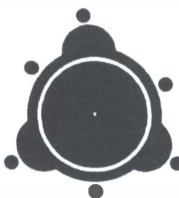
RYVITTA, MICROCHIP OR A SHREDDIE?

John Sayer has lectured on crop circles and was assistant editor, for a while, for THE CIRCULAR which is the journal for the C.C.C.S. John is also a circle photographer and an investigator of circles and somehow manages, in his spare time to be editor of the best crop circle journal going at the moment and that is THE CEREOLOGIST.(How does he do it!)

"The formation which appeared between Longstock and Danebury Ring in Hampshire this year (1997) was elaborate in design, but surprised me by not showing much indication of having been flattened physically. The wheat was still green, and although there were some scuffing of the "bloom" on the flattened stalks, this was no worse than in the standing crop in the rest of the field (which would be caused by the the stalks rubbing together in the wind). Likewise, the crumbled pieces of chalk underneath the flattened crop were no more damaged than those elsewhere, and although there was some kinking at the base of flattened stalks (but certainly not the majority) it was far less than I've seen in other formations over the years".

17th. June
Longstock, Hants.
(SU 337376)
Wheat

Central circle 40' (tuft
1'). Sats. av. 5'. St.ring
2' x 42'. Outer ring 45'.
Semicircle radii 10' 9".



THE CEREOLOGIST. (No.20)

With John Sayer firmly at the helm of the journal he has reverted back to the original spelling, which I prefer, the original spelling suggested a breakfast connection I always thought where as the old spelling using the CERES reference much more better, (CERES was the ancient name of the corn goddess.) Once again the journal creates a lot of thought on this strange subject that so many ignore or ridicule which I must confess is something I can never understand.

In this issue more light is shed on the Milk Hill inscription of 1991, with some interesting conclusions. There is a good letter from Ray Cox about groupings of formations and similarities in some areas of the country, (The obvious explanation is considered!) and that shy retireing individual Eric Beckjord points out that the true circlemakers are mischevious to put it mildly, and sites a few examples of their ability to always stay one step ahead of our expectations, not so much a case of the goal posts that keep moving but on some occasions the posts disappear altogether, only to reappear some where else! Thats crop circles for you!

In the same vein Julian Richardson, A.K.A. BILL BAILEY, claims that strange balls of light seemed to be observing him while he was in the process of laying down a formation, and in another article by John Lundberg (who seems to have more brain cells than the average hoaxer) gives more evidence that the hoaxers themselves, or circlemakers as he prefers to be called, maybe under close scrutiny from the REAL circlemakers.

In the article he speaks of flashes of light that at first appear some distance away from him in the field where he was putting a formation down, and to quote a reporter from the face magazine who accompanied Lundberg on this occasion, "About thirty minutes before, John had turned to me as we were a few feet away on the outer ring, 'Did you pick out that flash' he asked exitedly. 'No', I told him, wondering if he was trying to spook me. Ten minutes later John asked again. Nothing.

Now I'm pacing the other side of the ring on my own and I get one.

A bright flash that seemed to emanate from the back of my own retina.

From nowhere at all in fact. I ran to where John is standing.

'You saw that one ?' 'Yeah,' I say, though 'saw' isn't the right word.

Ten minutes later I pick up a second." Strange stuff indeed.

There are some lighter moments as well in the journal, J.J. Evendon who is a "Daredevil aviator", gives us a pilots opinion, or as he calls it 'A human birds eye view' of what it is like when looking for formations, "The euphoria of being airborne looking for crop circles, reminds me of a shark swimming along a reef looking for its next meal" I can relate to that. There is a good display of 16 aerial photo's some taken by Busty Taylor, and others by J.J. Evendon the editor and his wife, Ute.

There is a listing of all C.C. related books, video's etc. Under journals is The Cereologist, C.P.R. (Colin Andrews newsletter), and Enigma, Paul Vigay's first class little journal, there may be others but I am talking about SERIOUS research here!

There is a two page bit on C.C. diagram's from around the world that appeared last year, (some are shown in Pucks Review). More serious is the that questions the purpose of a once important crop circle body, The C.C.C.S whose existance nowadays is sure a mystery to me.

CONT'D.....

THE CEREOLOGIST. (No.20) CONT'D

For example, the first U.K. formation reported on the triple C and s listing was described as being " Somewhere north", or that 19 formations are termed as "Unconfirmed/not definite", come on C.C.C.S. these days you are as important to crop circles as the Spice Girls are to music!!! (Phew! that was heavy.)

A brief mention must be made of the GEORGE WINGFIELD poem.

The much respected JOHN MICHELL questions how, in poetic form, the KOCH Fractal at Silbury Hill could possibly have been hoaxed, to which WINGFIELD replies also in poetic form, just how it could have been constructed, the result is very witty indeed, not so funny is the fact that GEORGE WINGFIELD may well be correct.

Many other things are in this issue, and if you believe in circle's or not I recommend a read of this journal.

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NO CROP CIRCLES IN CHEESEFOOT HEAD PUNCHBOWL THIS YEAR!

On the 10th of January in the Portsmouth News it was announced that a May Bank holiday pop festival is to be held there in the famous amphitheatre at Cheesefoot (Thats Chezfoot, not Cheese foot as some call it!) which is two miles east of Winchester. It is being organized by the MEAN FIDDLER ORGANISATION, it is hoped to attract around 40,000 people to the event. I am sure many of you have heard of the area due to so much crop circle activity happening there over the years.

During the 1940s Joe Louis fought there and GENERAL MONTGOMERY addressed the troops before D DAY, but whether the area can survive an onslaught from 40,000 people from the 90's remains to be seen!

The event will run from May the 2nd to the 3rd, from Saturday lunchtime to the wee hours and Sunday lunchtime to midnight. SEE YOU THERE!

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Thats it for the first edition of PUCKS REVIEW, I hope you liked it. Thanks to Lorraine for putting up with my obsession these last eight years, to JOHN SAYER for his honesty and the use of his diagrams, LORD HADDINGTON, for taking time to reply to my request , and of course STEVE GERRARD for printing my views, and lastly the crop circles themselves for the inspiration they have given myself and other souls over the years, it may be just "Flattened corn", as Doug Bower called it but to others it is a little more.

Thanks for your interest.

Graham Harrop.

I will leave you with the thoughts of RET and ZET.
Bye Bye.

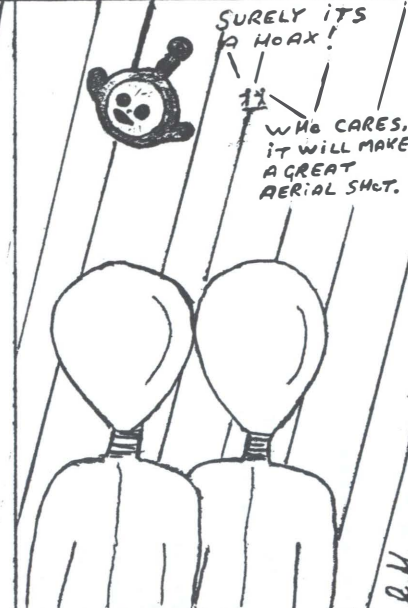
THE VISITORS.



HARBINGERS OF WORLD
CHANGE, GLYPHS FROM THE
GODS, YET I CAN NOT
BELIEVE THEIR IGNORANCE...
TELL ME MORE ZET.



WELL RET, YOU THEN
LINE UP THE EYEPiece
WITH A DISTANT OBJECT
LIKE A FARM OR LANDMARK
AND TO THINK SOME
EVEN BELIEVED THIS!



SURELY ITS
A HOAX!

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WHO CARES.
IT WILL MAKE
A GREAT
AERIAL SHOT.

SOMETIMES ZET I
THINK THEY MISS THE
POINT ALTOGETHER
AND BEFORE YOU ASK,
NO, ITS NOT ONE OF OURS.
THATS A RELIEF RET.

Q.H.